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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application is requested to consider and make of record the reference listed on the PTO 1449 (RP) submitted herewith. A copy of the listed reference is also enclosed.

Although the information submitted herewith may be "material" to the Examiner's consideration of the subject application, this submission is not intended to constitute an admission that such information is "prior art" as to the claimed invention.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made.

The following Japanese references are not in the English language but a partial English translation and an English abstract thereof are attached to the copies of the references submitted herewith:

- 1) JP 06056929
- 2) JP 10092260
- 3) JP 11265634

References 2) and 3) also include a "concise explanation" under 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3) which are set forth in the background portion of the specification at page 1.

Reference 1) also includes a "concise explanation" under 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3) which is set forth in the background portion of the specification at page 3.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with the above-referenced application.

Respectfully submitted,



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(3) References

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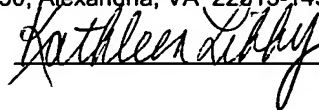
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